

SENIOR BLYTON 2021

LIMITED PREP TOPICS

BLYTON INVITATIONAL



BROADCASTING:

None. Students are using the scripts required for a “normal” Round 2. See Rules for Round 2.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:

Students should choose one of the three questions below and prepare for 30 minutes before speaking. They may have a timer or time themselves. They do NOT need to film prep time.

1. *Has the Democratic Party made the most of its control of Congress this term?*
2. *Book burning, school shootings, and COVID dominate the news these days. Is there hope left in the US, or is Rome burning around us while we fiddle with Squid Games?*
3. *The Republican Party – still the party of Trump?*

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:

Students are instructed to film their preparation time as well as their speaking time. They may choose either of these quotations. They may have a timer or time themselves.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

—Albert Einstein

or

I am in love with words. They are doves falling out of the ceiling.

--Anne Sexton

IMPROVISATIONAL DUO:

Students are to film their prep time AND their performance time. Students may communicate in prep time on their shared Zoom or Google Meet call or by telephone call. In performance, we should be able to see both students in the frame, though they may step out for a moment as needed. They may NOT be in the same room when filming for fairness/safety's sake. They may have a timer or time themselves.

This is a Round 2 / Quarters / Finals -style prompt.

“It’s a month late, and purple?”

Students must present a scene that includes this line: